

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, KS, US

SUBJECT: REPLY TO KIM SANG KUN'S MOTHER

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REFS: (1) STATE 048896, (2) SEOUL 1782

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED ORIGINAL LETTER FROM KIM'S MOTHER  
AND HAS REQUESTED JUSTICE TO FORWARD IT TO KIM.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MRS. KIM OF USG POSITION IN  
THIS CASE BY SENDING HER THE FOLLOWING LETTER:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MRS. KIM:

I UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR DESIRE TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF YOUR SON, KIM  
SANG-GUN, AND SHALL SEE TO IT THAT YOUR RECENT LETTER TO  
AMBASSADOR SNEIDER IS FORWARDED TO HIM. HE MAY, OF COURSE,  
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RESPOND AS HE WISHES. PERHAPS BY ANSWERING SOME OF THE  
QUESTIONS POSED IN YOUR LETTER I CAN ALSO BE OF ASSISTANCE  
TO YOU.

LAST NOVEMBER, YOUR SON CONTACTED OFFICIALS OF THE  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS HIS INTENTION TO  
LEAVE THE SERVICE OF THE KOREAN EMBASSY AND TO REQUEST

THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES.  
HIS APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF HIS VISA STATUS TO  
THAT OF A PERMANENT RESIDENT IS CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED.

YOUR SON HAS AT ALL TIMES BEEN FREE TO RETURN TO  
THE EMBASSY TO MEET WITH KOREAN OFFICIALS OR RETURN TO  
KOREA IF HE SO CHOOSES. HE HAS BEEN, AND REMAINS, FREE  
TO COMMUNICATE WITH WHOMEVER HE DESIRES IN WHATEVER  
MANNER HE DESIRES.

I HOPE THIS INFORMATION IS OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU.

SINCERELY,

THOMAS STERN END TEXT.  
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## Message Attributes

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